

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 23-29. Claims 1, 8 and 23 have been amended. References cited in a corresponding UK application are cited in an Information Disclosure Statement being filed herewith. Consideration of these references is respectfully requested. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination along with the requisite fee. Claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 23-29 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ingino, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 6,441,660 (hereinafter "Ingino"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests reconsideration.

Claims 1, 8 and 23 recite respective first and second "non-parasitic, non-MOS transistor-based capacitor[s]" [emphasis added] for applying first and second switching signals to first and second nodes. Nowhere does Ingino teach or suggest these limitations. At best, Ingino discloses that MOS-based transistors M_{d2} and M_{d3} are configured as capacitors. At least for these reasons, claims 1, 8 and 23 are allowable over Ingino.

Claims 2, 4 and 24-26 depend from claims 1 and 23 and are also allowable over Ingino at least for the same reasons mentioned above in connection with claims 1 and 23 and also because Ingino fails to teach or suggest the respective inventive combinations defined by claims 2, 4 and 24-26.

Claims 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA), Figure 1 of the present application, in view of Ingino. The rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 27 depends from claim

1, claim 28 depends from claim 8, and claim 29 depends from claim 23. The combination of AAPA and Ingino does not cure the defects of Ingino, as described above. MPEP § 2143 requires that the prior art references, when combined, must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. [Emphasis added.] That is not the case here. At least for these reasons, claims 27-29 are allowable over the combination of AAPA and Ingino.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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